

HB 2472: vaccinations; antibody titer testing; notification

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Overview

Creates statutory framework for information that a health professional must provide to a person prior to immunization, regarding antibody titer testing.

History

The Director of the Department of Health Services (DHS) is required to adopt rules on for prescribing requirements regarding school attendance and the approved means of immunizations. These rules must include the required dose and optimal ages for administering the immunization. Rule standards for documentary proof is developed by the Director in consultation with the superintendent of public instruction. (A.R.S. § 36-672)

Provisions

- 1. Outlines notifications a health care professional must provide to a person being immunized, or in the case of a child, a parent, guardian or person in loco parentis, beginning January 1, 2020, as follows:
 - a. The option to consent to an antibody titer test to determine the individual has developed positive antibody titer, before administering any dose of any vaccine where a natural immunity may exist in the individual and if there is a licensed antibody titer test;
 - b. The option to consent to an antibody titer test to determine if the individual has developed positive antibody titer in response to a previously administered dose or series of the vaccine or natural infection, before giving a second or subsequent dose of any vaccine, if the primary dose or series may develop positive antibody titer and there is a licensed antibody titer test;
 - c. Notification that there is no state requirement for vaccination or serologic proof of immunity for any individual of any age, other than requirements for public or private school attendance and that there are exemptions from the state requirements, before administering any vaccine or antibody titer test. (Sec. 1)
- 2. Defines *antibody titer test* as a test to measure the presence and amount of antibodies in a serum sample against a particular antigen as serologic proof of immunity. (Sec. 1)

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